

## **REMARKS**

As stated in the Office Action, Claim 29 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 29 has been written in independent form to include the subject matter of Claim 27. Therefore, Claim 29 is in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 27 and 28 are cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein..

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 1-24 and 30-36 are allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that Claims 1-11, 13-24, and 29-36 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application is now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341/72636).

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Enclosure:

Amendments to the Claims